



LAVERNE AND DONNA BOLL were among the voters on Tuesday. Helping at the table was Tom Keller.

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Plans still uncertain for Village

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It has been two weeks since fire took out the middle section of the Good Samaritan Village nursing home. There were 64 employees and some are still out of work but in a letter written by Randy Fitzgerald, Good Samaritan Society Director of Operations, the staff will be paid through Nov. 13, two weeks longer than expected.

The Village staff has been encouraged to help care for the St. Francis residents who were relocated to sister centers. All employees working at other Good Samaritan Society Centers will be considered shared-employees, with mileage paid. Employee health insurance will go through November.

On Thursday, Tom Peniston, Human Resource and Risk Management Representative with the Society, met with the staff and commended them on their successful evacuation and relocation of residents. He said the Society felt they had experienced a miracle in St. Francis.

Since the fire, people are working to maintain what is left of the Village. Walls are being constructed to seal off the contaminated corridor and the boilers are now working so the east and west sides of the facility can be dried out.

An insurance inventory person has been on the scene. The Society

is now in what they call the "Assessment Process." Mr. Fitzgerald said it was a complicated and time-consuming process. It involves a number of people including local, state and federal fire officials. Sandy Sandoval, one of the fire investigators who was on the scene on Thursday, reported that the "pizza party," where all parties will come together has been set for Nov. 8. At that time, more information may be known.

The Society's next step will be called "Mission Recovery."

There are 30 to 40 people at the national campus in Sioux Falls, S.D., working on the Village issues. The Good Samaritan Society is having a "Society-wide appeal fund drive" to raise money to help the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village.

"I realize there are many questions among staff members and the St. Francis community about what happens next," Mr. Fitzgerald said. "Dealing with a tragedy of any kind is fraught with concerns, and we all want things to return to normal as quickly as possible."

"Rest assured, the Society's commitment to the residents and staff at the St. Francis Village is as strong as ever."

Mr. Fitzgerald will meet with residents at a public forum on at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the St. Francis high school auditorium. Everyone is urged to attend.

Local candidate wins election

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The general election is over and Republican, Ward Cassidy, St. Francis, who was running for representative of the 120 District, won by a landslide over Robert "Bob" Strevey, Democrat from Ludell. The county total was Cassidy, 860, and Strevey, 232.

The final tally in the five 120th District counties (Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips)

was unavailable at the time the paper went to press but it appeared that Cassidy had won.

Terry Miller, county election officer, said, as of Monday at noon when the advanced voting booth closed, there had been 220 people voting and 103 ballots had been sent out and 320 votes were counted.

In all, 832 of the 1,904 registered voters or 44 percent, cast their ballots. This included the ad-

vanced voters.

Ernie Ketzner, Democrat, was running unopposed for commissioner of District No. 1, the Bird City district. He accumulated 214 votes.

Other county voting results are:

U.S. Senator

Joseph Bellis 11
Lisa Johnston 100
Michael Dann 15
Jerry Moran 1005

U.S. Rep. 1st District

Tim Huelskamp 935
Alan Jilka 148
Jack Warner 31

Gov.-Lt. Gov.

Brownback/Colyer 922
Cannon/Faubion 16
Gray/Davis 19
Holland/Kultala 160

Secretary of State

Chris Biggs 206
Kris Kobach 837
Derek Langseth 24
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Vets honored Monday

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade music students will present their annual Veterans Day program entitled "Rock-in' America" on Monday, Nov. 8. The program begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the grade school gymnasium.

"The program will honor our Country, our Flag, and the great American way of life," Jean Ann Confer, music instructor said.

"There will be a dress rehearsal that morning at 10:15 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend."

The Ladies Veterans of Foreign War organization will have a special presentation in honor of Missing In Action/Prisoners of War (MIA/POWs).



SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS sing tribute to veterans at the program set for Monday at the grade school. Pictured, back row, l to r: Danielle Frink, Katie Schmid, Sophie White; front row: Rebecca Spencer, Makayla Rogers and Jenna Confer.

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Chorus organized for holiday singing

Rehearsals for the Holiday Community Chorus will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Singers from the entire Northwest Kansas area are invited to attend and participate in this large chorus of outstanding vocalists.

The chorus, under the direction of Neala Carmichael, will sing a selection of Christmas favorites including two favorites from last year's concert, "We Are His Gold" and "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Some of the new music includes "Days of Elijah," "Angels Carol," a rousing gospel rendition of "Angels From the Realms of Glory," and others. The program will also include instrumental and vocal solos, medleys and readings.

Auditions are not required for this chorus, but Mrs. Carmichael asks that those participating be able to carry a tune and read and sing choral music.

Registration for all singers will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the church, followed by rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. Rehearsals will then be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each Sunday in November and through Dec. 12. Performances are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School; Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church; and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church. The concert on Dec. 19 will be a benefit for the Food Pantry.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy and magnificence of the Christmas season," said Mrs. Carmichael. "Enjoy singing beautiful inspirational and seasonal music with this very large talented chorus."

"Your participation in this chorus is one of the best gifts you can give and an experience you will never forget."

Council adopts rate increases

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The St. Francis City Council, at their Oct. 25 meeting, voted to raise utilities 2.99 percent overall.

The council has always tried to keep rates as low as possible, said Scott Schultz, mayor, but that rates will have to go up in order to keep up with expenses and increases in costs. Council figured the average home can expect minimum increases to total around \$4.05 per year. The usage rate, which has also raised some, is something people can control. St. Francis rates have always been, and continue to be, lower than other towns.

The council has been discussing raising rates for some time. At an August meeting, the new rates were introduced by J.R.

Landenberger, superintendent. At the last meeting, the ordinances were officially adopted with the new rates for sewer, electric and refuse collection going into effect on Monday, Nov. 15. The new rate for water will not be enforced until April 15.

Sewer and trash show a fixed monthly increase; sewer increasing 80 cents and trash increasing 50 cents. Water will increase two ways; monthly meter rates will go up \$1, while usage goes up 10 cents/1000 gallons. Electricity meters are slated to increase \$1.75. These rates only apply to homes inside city limits.

For more details, the ordinances are printed in this week's issue of *The Herald* call the city office, 332-3142.

Many vendors planned for show on Saturday

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People are urged to plan their holiday shopping at the 15th Annual Craft Show on Saturday. The doors to the St. Francis Grade School will open at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, shoppers will be amazed at the array of items filling the gym as well as the hall. Spilling into the cafeteria, the PTA book fair will be held and lunch will be served.

"The response has been outstanding," said Bonnie Zweygardt, coordinator, "and there are many of the same vendors as well as new vendors."

"We're full!" said Tammy Grice, coordinator.

The gym and hallway are completely full, she said. There will be lots to see as well as buy. Plan to do your Christmas shopping early.

Some of the items include silk arrangements, wood items, homemade salsa, jewelry, scrapbooking items, honey, baked goods, photographs and note cards, Christmas decorations, crochet items,

cloth books, embroidery items, handmade soap, denim jackets and vests, pecans, gift baskets, engraved items, photos by Roxie Yonkey, fused and stained glass and much more.

There are also specialty vendor booths including Premier Designs Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants and Jockey Person to Person.

Throughout the day, there will be door prizes drawn.

Check the ad elsewhere in this issue.

Lunch served

The ABC Preschool staff and parents will be serving chili and chicken noodle soups from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. They will also be holding a bake sale. Money raised will be used to help with the preschool expenses.

PTA book fair

Teaming up with the Craft Show is the St. Francis PTA. Members will be holding their annual book fair in the cafeteria. This is the PTA's main money-making project and the money goes to help the school and students.

Time changes on Sunday



After a beautiful fall with the exception of some wind and little rain, Daylight Saving Time will come to an end shortly.

The clocks will turn back an hour on Sunday, which means the evenings will seem longer throughout the winter, as the sun sets earlier.

Under federal law, daylight time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Two years ago, law

makers added several weeks in the spring and one in the fall, specifically so trick-or-treating will have some daylight.

Clocks need to be turned back at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, but most people will either set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed, or when they get up. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep.